

MINUTES
NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, August 6, 2003
3rd Floor, One Civic Center

Present: Chairman John Shultz
Vice Chair Patty Badenoch
Commissioners Sue Alsworth, John Horwitz
Dick Kiesell (arrived 5:55 PM), and George Knowlton

Absent: Commissioner Nancy Wendorf

Staff Present: Raun Keagy, Joanie Mead

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Neighborhood Enhancement Commission was called to order at 5:31 PM and members were present as stated above.

APPROVAL OF 6/04/03 MEETING MINUTES

VICE CHAIR BADENOCH MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 4, 2003 MINUTES. COMMISSIONER KNOWLTON SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 5-0.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING PROGRAM

Lisa Cline, Neighborhood Safety Advisor, described the three phases of this program and noted that about 30 of the 320 multi-housing communities in Scottsdale had completed all three phases and earned this distinction. No one with a felony conviction is allowed to live in one of these communities.

Ms. Cline encouraged Commissioners to attend an upcoming training for more information. Program schedules and news of other neighborhood Safety Events were also distributed.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE COMMISSION ACTION ON CHANGES TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD FUNDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (NFP)

Ms. Mead reviewed the draft Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Brochure and Application dated August 2003, noting some of the major changes from the previous brochure and application. Wording was revised to reflect the change in maximum funding from \$5000 to \$2500, and to prioritize the financial need for neighborhoods that are 30 years or older followed by those 15 to 29 years. It was also decided to add a statement that neighborhoods less than 15 years were not eligible for funding.

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Discussion was also held about amending the statement regarding City Staff approving applications requesting less than \$1500, to state the amount of \$500 unless it was for a critical safety issue under \$1500.

The Commission discussed pros and cons on whether to include criteria for the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program and agreed that now was not the time.

Responding to Commissioner Kiesell, Mr. Keagy said the indemnification agreement referenced on the last page of the application was a requirement included by the city's legal department.

After discussion of whether to require HOA financial balance sheets, it was agreed by the Commission to be unnecessary.

Mr. Keagy distributed the proposed budget for the fiscal year noting the starting balance was actually \$120,000. The proposed expenditures were just guidelines and could be changed or moved around in the categories.

The first workshop for this new program is scheduled for September in the Neighborhood College program.

COMMISSIONER KNOWLTON MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE REVISED NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT PARTNERSHIP (NEP) PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION WITH MODIFICATIONS AS DISCUSSED. COMMISSIONER KIESELL SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

Commissioner Alsworth requested a corrected copy of the guidelines and application be sent to Commissioners with the next two weeks.

STAFF AND COMMISSION UPDATES (A.R.S. 38-431.02 (K))

Mr. Keagy distributed Administrative Regulation (AR) #155 regarding Solicitation and Acceptance of Gifts & Sponsorship of City Functions and said this subject would be discussed further at the September or October commission meeting.

A map of the city indicating the locations and ages of homes was also distributed. A staff member from Planning will attend a future meeting to discuss various data throughout the city and show the hot spots for code enforcement or city services.

Chairman Shultz requested the commission be supplied a map of CDBG and Section 8 areas as well.

Mr. Keagy informed he would be filling the vacant Code Enforcement position with non-traditional hours on weekends and evenings. This position would also work in tandem with bicycle cops in downtown.

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In regard to front-yard parking, Mr. Keagy said staff was operating on a complaint basis but also taking a pro-active approach on blatant violations. So far, only about 3 citations had been issued.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC (A.R.S. 38-431.02)

No members of the public were present.

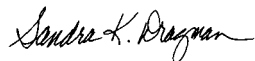
NEXT MEETING DATE AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting date will be September 3, 2003 at 5:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sandy K. Dragman".

Sandy Dragman
Recording Secretary